GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:16
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the mid-term development report of the World Bank, the Government of India is lagging far behind in the achievement of targets set by it for poverty alleviation in the context of millennium development;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any positive measures towards poverty alleviation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 16 FOR 18.2.2003 REGARDING ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME.
(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY),which was launched on 1st December, 1997, focuses on the setting up of micro-enterprises by the individuals/groups as also on the upgradation of skills of the targeted urban poor population. The programme is continuing in the 10th Five Year Plan with a total outlay of Rs.541 crore.

Also, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), a new centrally sponsored scheme was launched in December, 2001 for providing shelter/upgraded shelter to the urban poor slum dwellers living below the poverty line all over the country. A sum of Rs.211.87 crore has so far been released since the inception of the scheme for construction of 106,038 dwelling units and 20,817 toilet seats.

Further, under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), which was launched in August, 1996, Additional Central Assistance is provided to the States/UTs for upgradation of urban slums by physical amenities like water supply, storm water drain, community bath, widening and paving of existing lanes, sewers, community latrines, street lights etc. Since inception of the programme, as reported by the States/UTs upto 01.01.2003, out of the total funds of Rs.2009.87 crores released by the Central Government, an amount of Rs.1386.55 crores has been spent and about 3.48 crores of slum dwellers have benefited from this programme.